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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICANS OVER
RHODESIA

REF: A) STATE 37481, B) STATE 38189

1. I SAW ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PANGUENE AFTERNOON OF
FEBRUARY 18 AND CONVEYED CONTENTS REFTEL A. PANGUENE AP-
PRECIATED INFORMATION, ASKED ME TO RUN THROUGH TALKING
POINTS A SECOND TIME SO THAT HE COULD REPORT FULLY TO
MACHEL. I STRESSED THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR
SUGGESTIONS THE PRESIDENT MIGHT HAVE ON ANY ASPECTS
RHODESIAN SITUATION.

2. FOLLOWING ABOVE PRESENTATION, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY REVIEW
SOME OF STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY
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VANCE ON RHODESIA, INCLUDING STATEMENTS THAT SMITH'S "INTERNAL
SOLUTION" WILL NOT HAVE SUPPORT OF USG, THAT USG HAS COM-
MUNICATED TO RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES THAT UNDER NO CIRCUM-
STANCES CAN THEY COUNT ON ANY FORM OF US ASSISTANCE IN THEIR
EFFORTS TO PREVENT MAJORITY RULE OR TO EXCLUDE LEADERS OF
THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS, AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS
DETERMINED TO OBTAIN EARLY REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT. WHEN

MENTIONING BYRD AMENDMENT, I ASKED PANGUENE IF HE HAD SEEN REPORT OF UNSC SANCTIONS VIOLATION COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS EXPOSED AND DOCUMENTED OTHER CASES OF VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING SOME BY COUNTRIES WHICH WERE SHARP CRITICS OF US VIOLATIONS.

3. I HAD HOPED THAT MY REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS WOULD ELICIT SOME COMMENT OR REACTION FROM PANGUENE, BUT TO NO AVAIL. HE SEEMED TO BE INTERESTED IN MY PRESENTATION, BUT REMAINED HIS USUAL TACITURN SELF. ABOUT ONLY EXPRESSION I WAS ABLE ELICIT WAS A KNOWING SMILE WHEN I MAKE REFERENCE TO "OTHER VIOLATORS" OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS.

4. REFTTEL B DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER MY MEETING WITH PANGUENE. HOWEVER, I HAD CHECKED WITH UK FIRST SECRETARY DE CHASSIRON PRIOR TO MY MEETING TO SEE IF HE HAD HAD SIMILAR INSTRUCTION (HE HAD NOT), AND HAVE SINCE BRIEFED HIM ON MEETING. DE CHASSIRON HAS NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND PLANS TO REQUEST MEETING WITH PANGUENE TODAY FOR PURPOSE MAKING SAME POINTS AS IN REFTTEL A.

5. IT APPEARS BRITISH EMBASSY MAPUTO WILL BE WITHOUT SERVICES OF AMBASSADOR LEWEN FOR FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS, MAYBE LONGER. HE SUFFERED HEART ATTACK FEW WEEKS AGO AND DOES NOT EXPECT RETURN TO OFFICE UNTIL SOME TIME THIS SUMMER. DE CHASSIRON HAS SUGGESTED TO LONDON THAT IT MAY WISH SEND OUT SOMEONE MORE SENIOR THAN HE TO ACT AS CHARGE IF CONSULTATIONS WITH FRONT-LINE LEADERS ARE TO BE RESUMED. DE PREE
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